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REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the previously listed paragraphs have been amended to

correct formal problems. As requested by the Examiner, the term "litter" has

been replaced by the term "litter box" to better define the invention.

The abstract of the invention has been amended according to the Examiner's

suggestions.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 8 to 10 and 14 to 18 are directed

to allowable subject matter. Therefore, these claims have been amended to

include all the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims.

Also as requested, on page 4, line 26 of the specification, the term "detachable

band of gluing material", has been replaced by the term "adhesive tape," for the

purpose of clarity.

In view of the above, the present application is believed to be in immediate

condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that a

timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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